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(FERNANDINE, JORGE PABLE)

SUBJECT: UNIDO-EXECUTIVE DIRECTORSHIP

1. ACCORDING SENIOR UNIDO SECRETARIAT OFFICIALS AND DIPLOMATIC COLLEAGUES, UNIDO'S EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, IBRAHIM H. ABDEL-RAHMAN, OVER WEEKEND WROTE UNSYG TO AFFECT A) HE WILL NOT BE A CANDIDATE FOR REAPPOINTMENT, AND B) HE WISHES USE ACCRUED ANNUAL LEAVE FOR EARLY DEPARTURE FROM VIENNA; ACCORDING TO ONE SOURCE, HE WOULD LEAVE AS EARLY AS SEPTEMBER.

2. ACCORDING TO LOCAL SOURCES, ABDEL-RAHMAN'S DECISION WAS REACHED UPON RECEIVING OFFER OF MINISTERIAL-LEVEL POST IN CAIRO. NATURE OF PORTFOLIO NOT LOCALLY KNOWN.

3. CONCURRENTLY, BELGIAN PERMREP TO UNIDO (DE LIEDEKERKE) INFORMED US HE HAD JUST RECEIVED FROM BELGIAN MISSION AT NEW YORK COPY OF NOTE FROM BRAZILIAN PERMREP TO UN INFORMING BELGIANS OF LATIN AMERICAN
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OFFICIAL SPONSORSHIP OF PERUVIAN PERMREP TO UNIDO

(AMB. JORGE PABLO FERNANDINI) AS CANDIDATE FOR UNIDO EXECUTIVE DIRECTORSHIP. (UNCLEAR TO US AT VIENNA WHY BRAZILIAN NOTE, DATED MARCH 13 AND APPARENTLY SENT ON BEHALF OF LATIN AMERICAN MISSIONS TO UN, SENT TO BELGIANS; PRESUMABLY LATTER OCCUPY SOME REGIONAL OR GEOGRAPHIC CHAIRMANSHIP--WEO?--AND WERE EXPECTED TO COMMUNICATE THIS NOTIFICATION TO OTHER DELEGATIONS.)

4. FOREGOING DEVELOPMENTS GIVE SPECIAL SIGNIFICANCE TO ASSERTIONS FERNANDINI HAS MADE IN LAST DAYS TO VARIOUS PARTIES, I.E. A) THAT HE HAS AN EXPLICIT PROMISE OF SUPPORT FOR HIS CANDIDACY FOR EXEC DIRECTORSHIP FROM THE EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT; AND B) THAT HE FORESEES DIFFICULTY WITH THE APPOINTMENT OF AN AMERICAN DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BECAUSE THE RUSSIANS HAVE TOLD HIM THEY WOULD THEN INSIST ON A SECOND DEPUTY POST BEING CREATED TO BE FILLED BY A RUSSIAN.

5. MISSION WILL PROVIDE WITHIN NEXT FEW DAYS FULLER EXPOSITION OF ITS OWN THINKING RE IMPLICATIONS OF ABDEL-RAHMAN'S REPORTED DECISION ON A) FERNANDINI'S PROSPECTS AND B) UNIDO OPERATIONAL QUESTIONS, SUCH AS APPOINTMENT OF NEW DIRECTORS OF ADMINISTRATION AND ISI. IN MEANTIME, WOULD BE USEFUL TO US TO HAVE WHATEVER RELEVANT INFO USUN CAN PROVIDE. STIBRAVY

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